

**REMARKS**

The amendments are made with prejudice as to patentability and to further claim the invention. Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for further examination and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

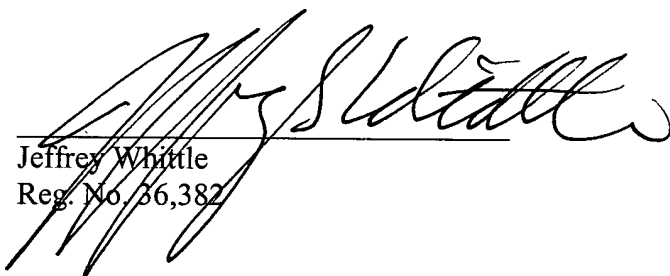
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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